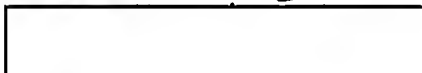


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April 29, 1960

Mrs. Alfred A. Knopf



Dear Blanche:

Many thanks for your note of April 20th, and my congratulations on the honor you have received from the Legion of Honor. I too am a member of the Legion. I don't know quite what my rank is, probably junior to you, but I have the right to wear a little red "knobbin" rather than just a piece of red string. In any event, I consider it an organization of which I am flattered to be a member.

About the book -- the facts are that my plans are too vague, and my time too restricted, to really seriously think about anything of this kind, and I have had to tell one or two others who flatteringly expressed an interest, that I could not make any commitment about something that I did not know when, or if, I myself could produce.

Sincerely,

(Signed) ALLEN W. DULLES

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